



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held November 18, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“On November 2, 2008, a quintuple murder occurred in the City of Long Beach in a homeless encampment. The investigation started with an anonymous caller who reported the crime. The caller gave a brief description of the location which led CHP officers to the crime scene. Arriving officers found 5 people dead from gun shot wounds inside of a homeless encampment along the south bound side of the 405 freeway at the Santa Fe Avenue off-ramp.

“The following residents of Los Angeles County were identified as the victims of the murder:

Katherine Lynn Verdun - 24 years old, Long Beach Resident
Vanessa Malaepule - 34 years old, Carson Resident
Jose Lorenzo Villicana - 44 years old, Long Beach Resident
Frederick Doyle Neumeier - 53 years old, Long Beach Resident
Hamid Shraifat - 41 years old, Signal Hill Resident

“No one has been arrested in this case. Although the original calling party has come forward, additional witnesses have not come forward. Investigators believe it would be beneficial to offer a reward in this case which may prompt reluctant witnesses to come forward and provide information to identify the individual(s) responsible for this crime. They can remain anonymous.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board established a \$20,000 reward for any information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person or persons responsible for the heinous quintuple murder of Katherine Lynn Verdun, Vanessa Malaepule, Jose Lorenzo Villicana, Frederick Doyle Neumeier and Hamid Shraifat who were found shot inside of a homeless encampment along the south bound side of the 405 freeway at the Santa Fe Avenue off-ramp in the early morning hours on Saturday, November 2, 2008.

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- Each Supervisor
- Sheriff
- Acting Auditor-Controller
- Chief Executive Officer
- County Counsel
- Long Beach Police Department
 - Homicide Division

**NOTICE OF \$20,000 REWARD
OFFERED BY THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has established a \$20,000 reward for any information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person or persons responsible for the quintuple murder of 24-year-old Katherine Lynn Verdun, Vanessa Malaepule, Jose Lorenzo Villicana, Frederick Doyle Neumeier and Hamid Shraifat who were found shot inside of a homeless encampment along the south bound side of the 405 freeway at the Santa Fe Avenue off-ramp in the early morning hours on Saturday, November 2, 2008.

Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Detectives Hugo Cortes or Mark McGuire of the Long Beach Police Department Homicide Division at (562) 570-7244 and refer to Report No. 08-82439.

The terms of the reward provide that:

- The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than February 16, 2009. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than April 17, 2009.
- The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$20,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes.
- The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate.

Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than April 17, 2009, with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: Homeless Encampment Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1579.

Si no entiende esta noticia o si necesita más informacion, favor de llamar a este numero (213) 974-1579.

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